



National Finance Center Customer Notification

Date: January 31, 2011

Subject: National Finance Center Update - z/OS Operating System Upgrade

Database/Customer(s) Affected: All Mainframe Related Applications

Dear Customer:

NFC is continuing the process of upgrading its mainframe operating system from z/OS 1.9 to z/OS 1.11. System testing will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011. Additional testing, if required, will take place on Saturday, February 26, 2011. Testing is scheduled to start at approximately 9:00 a.m. CST and end by 5:00 p.m. CST on both February 12, 2011, and February 26, 2011, if necessary. Any data entry performed during these test periods will be applied to the production database.

As stated in the previous notification dated December 17, 2010, since z/OS 1.11 will interface with every mainframe application, it is important that all applications be tested thoroughly prior to implementation. Testing by each agency participant should consist of performing normal workday functions related to the applications and data residing on the mainframe. Also, make sure that any output needed during testing is printed or sent to a dataset. As a reminder, all data entered on Saturday, February 12, 2011, is production data and will be applied to the database.

If your agency will be able to participate, please provide the name, email address, and phone number of your representative(s) to Customer.Support@usda.gov by Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Also, if there are any changes or updates to the previous requests that were submitted, please provide them by Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

Federal employees with questions concerning this notification should contact their Servicing Personnel Office. Authorized agency representatives with questions concerning this notification should contact NFC's Client Management Branch at Customer.Support@nfc.usda.gov.

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Tip of the Week

Agencies are reminded that in order to utilize SPPS Mainframe - Indebtedness for Separations, the employee must have monies to be captured in the SPPS Mainframe such as a final T&A, lump sum or cash award.